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How people got asked to prom

Prom: the one word that excites hundreds of students with its connotation of extravagance, sophistication, and privilege.

After years of anticipation for this event, students go to great lengths to make this night perfect, even down to the way a boy asks his date to the dance. Although it may seem trivial, the way a boy asks a girl to prom sets the mood for the rest of the weeks leading up to the dance, as well as the night of prom.

The truth is, the more outrageous a boy asks a girl to prom, the more impressed she, her friends, his friends, and fellow classmates are.

Because he wants to impress his peers, competition arises between boys to have the most creative but equally adorable way of asking a girl to prom. Students are well aware of this competition when walking down a junior or senior hallway and seeing an enormous, glittery sign with a girl’s name on it followed by the question, “Prom?”

Students go even further though, like Junior John Farmer who set up a tent with lights in Molly Finegan’s parking spot and waited with three other students to sing to her when she arrived.

“When I pulled into the parking lot that fateful morning, to tell the truth, I was overwhelmed. I saw the tent in my spot, adorned with lights, and under it stood a wannabe acapella group consisting of Kevin Kirby, Jack Brodowicz, Scott Singletary, and of course John Farmer. They were all formally dressed with bow ties, a super classy touch. I was serenaded with a "My Girl" remix, and presented with Bojangles’ and sunflowers, the perfect combination. It was legit,” said Farmer’s date Molly Finegan.

Another student, Colin Wilson asked his girlfriend, Melissa Gauthier during the intermission of his performance in the school’s spring musical, “The Wiz.”

Colin said, “I was really excited and nervous to ask Melissa to prom. I knew she wouldn’t say no but I wanted to do something that she would really like so I gave it all I had and asked her in the most romantic way I knew: via stage.”

Asking a date in a cute and/or public way is almost mandatory among students.

“Prom is such a big deal that you have to ask in a big way to match the magnitude that prom is made out to be,” said Junior Sara Schuler.

Many students spend hours planning a way to ask a date to prom. Every year juniors and seniors are inventive and impressive in how they ask their dates to prom, making the gesture great entertainment for the school to enjoy.